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SUBJECT: CROWN PRIMCE HASSAN VISIT

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN WAS IN TOUCH WITH ME TODAY (MAY 19) TO INDICATE THAT KING HUSSIEH HAD DECIDED THAT HE CANNOT BE AWAY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE TIME HIS SONS GRADUATE FROM THE EAGLEBROOK SCHOOL IN DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. AS A RESULT HE HAS ASKED THE CROWN PRINCE TO GO TO THE US TO BE PRESENT IN HIS PLACE.

2. CROWN PRINCE RECOGNIZES THAT RATHER SHORT NOTICE IS INVOLVED AND MADE POINT STRONGLY TO ME THAT HE DOES NOT ASK FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT OR SPECIAL VISIT STATUS. HOWEVER, HE DID INQUIRE WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEE A FEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT TIME. HE TOLD ME THE GRADUATION WILL BE ON JUNE 2, THURSDAY, AND THAT HE COULD BE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 6TH AND 7TH. HE MUST BE IN GENEVA FOR THE ILO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY THE 8TH.

3. HASSAN MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO WISH TO IMPOSE, HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE GREATLY PLEASED IF A HALF HOUR COULD BE ARRANGED WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING THAT PERIOD. HE ALSO MENTIONED SEEING THE NEW AID ADMINISTRATOR FOR A COURTESY CALL. HE NOTED TOO THAT HE WOULD HOPE TO SEE ATHERTON, SAUNDERS, AND QUANDT WHILE HE
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IS THERE. WE DISCUSSED THE HILL. HE SAID HE HAD NO SPECIAL THOUGHTS BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FEW KEY PEOPLE FOR JORDAN. HE WILL BE SEEING SENATOR STONE HERE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. I BELIEVE THAT IF A FEW FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE AVAILABLE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. SENATORS JAVITTS, INNOUYE, BAKER, AND PERCY COME TO MIND. ON THE HOUSE SIDE, LEE HAMILTON, THE MEMBERS OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE AND SOME KEY MEMBERS FROM APPROPRIATIONS MIGHT

BE CONSIDERED. I AM SURE HASSAN WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM NEA AND WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERDO IT. I BELIEVE THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ATTENTION WOULD BE HELPFUL AND PAY DIVIDENDS. WOULD THERE BE ANY POSSIBILITY FOR EXAMPLE TO SEE THE VICE PRESIDENT WHOSE INTEREST IN AND ROLE IN THE AREA AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS WELL KNOWN TO HASSAN?

4. CROWN PRINCE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STOP IN NEW YORK FOR WEEKEND JUNE 4 AND 5 AND ASKED IF WE COULD QUIETLY DETERMINE WHETHER NELSON ROCKEFELLER MIGHT BE THERE AND WOULD HAVE SOME TIME TO GET TOGETHER WITH HASSAN. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING YOU COULD DO ON THAT SCORE. IN SUCH CASE I AM SURE HASSAN WOULD THEN MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER ON HIS OWN AS WELL.

5. AT PRESENT WE BELIEVE THAT NO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WILL BE TRAVELING WITH HASSAN, BUT WILL CONFIRM THIS AGAIN WITH CROWN PRINCE. WE ASSUME ALSO THAT SY WILL TAKE ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT.
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